

Listing of Claims:

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

Claim 22 (Previously Amended) An isolated human aspartoacylase polypeptide having either an altered ability to hydrolyze N-acetyl-aspartic acid to aspartate and acetate, as compared with a wild-type human aspartoacylase, or incapable of hydrolyzing N-acetyl-aspartic acid to aspartate and acetate, and comprising the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 2 of wild-type human aspartoacylase, except that said sequence has one or more of the following amino acid substitutions:

E285 > A,

Y231 > X, and/or

A305 > E₁

whereby E is glutamate, A is alanine, Y is tyrosine, and X is any naturally-occurring amino acid.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) A human aspartoacylase of claim 22, wherein the glutamic acid at amino acid position 285 is substituted by alanine.

Claim 25 (Cancelled)

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